

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 7, 8, 9A, 9B, 9C and 9D.

These sheets, which include Figs. 7, 8, 9A, 9B, 9C and 9D, replace the original sheets including Figs. 7, 8, 9A, 9B, 9C and 9D.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Claims 1-10 have been amended. Support for the amendments to Claim 1 is found, by way of non-limiting example, in the specification at page 19, line 17 to page 21, line 24. Support for the amendments to Claims 5 and 11 is found, by way of nonlimiting example, in the specification at page 17, line 23 through page 18, line 6. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Abstract was objected to; the Title of the Invention was objected to; the drawings were objected to; Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Background Art in view of Yamashita et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,384,601, hereinafter Yamashita); and Claims 2 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Background Art in view of Yamashita as applied to Claims 1 and 5 above, in further view of Sakamoto (U.S. Patent No. 6,332,036 B1).

Applicant expresses appreciation for the grant of a personal interview on July 28, 2008. The substance of the interview is consistent with the arguments presented below.

Responsive to the objection to the Abstract because it exceeds one page in length, the Abstract has been amended to reduce its overall length. It is respectfully requested that the objection to the Abstract be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Responsive to the objection to the Title as not descriptive, the Title has been amended to now read “IMAGING DEVICE WITH MEMORY COLOR CORRECTION.” It is respectfully requested that the objection to the Title be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Responsive to the objections to the drawings, Figs. 7-9D have been labeled “BACKGROUND ART,” and reference numeral 100A has been added to Fig. 7. It is respectfully requested that the objections to the drawings be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Independent Claim 1 recites:

a specific color signal processing device configured to obtain a specific color luminance signal; and

a luminance correction device configured to correct the luminance level of the video signals depending on the specific color luminance signal.

Independent Claim 5 recites:

a luminance correction device configured to correct the luminance level of the video signals depending on the luminance level of the specific color video signals extracted by the specific color extraction device and on the basis of the shooting mode information selected by the shooting mode selection device.

Independent Claim 10 recites:

correcting the luminance level of the video signals depending on the luminance extracted by the specific color extracting and on the basis of the shooting mode information selected by the selecting.

It is respectfully submitted that the above quoted features are neither disclosed by nor rendered obvious by Background Art, Yamashita, Sakamoto or any conceivable combination thereof.

The Office Action correctly recognizes that the Background Art does not disclose a luminance correction means for correcting the luminance level of the video signals depending on the luminance level of the specific-color video signals extracted by the specific color extraction means.

Yamashita states that “[t]he luminance value setting device 3 similarly sets the reference value (Lg*) for the luminance of the reference color” in column 5, lines 26-28. Yamashita adds “[a]nother calculator 8 outputs the color-adjusted luminance signal (Lc*)” in

column 6, lines 17-18. Fig. 1 of Yamashita shows luminance signal L* output by color space converter 1 connected to an input of luminance value setting device 3.

There is no luminance correction device configured to correct the luminance level of the video signals depending on the specific color luminance signal described in Yamashita. Therefore, Yamashita fails to describe the above-quoted features recited in Claim 1.

There is no shooting mode selection device shown in Fig. 1 or described in the associated specification description of Yamashita. Therefore, there is no description in Yamashita of correcting luminance level of the video signals on the basis of the shooting mode information selected by the shooting mode selecting as recited in independent Claims 5 and 10.

Nor does Sakamoto correct the deficiencies of Background Art and Yamashita described above. There is no description in Sakamoto of a specific color signal processing device to obtain a specific color luminance signal nor is there a description of a luminance correction device configured to correct the luminance level of the video signals depending on the specific color luminance signal. There is no description in Sakamoto of correcting the luminance level of the video signals on the basis of the shooting mode information selected by the shooting mode selecting.

It is respectfully submitted that dependent Claims 2-4 and 6-8 are patentable at least for the reasons argued above with regard to the claim from which they depend.

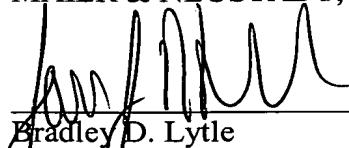
Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of Claims 1-10 be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that Claims 1-10 be found allowable.

Consequently, for the reasons discussed in detail above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below-listed telephone number.

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